

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 772 - HB 887

March 5, 2017

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires voter registration applications to include a space for voters to declare a state political party affiliation. Requires the following statement to be added to the application: *Notice: A voter choosing not to select a statewide political party affiliation will not be eligible to vote in a primary election.*

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenue - \$16,400/Strategic Technology Solutions/One-Time

Increase State Expenditures - \$66,800/Division of Elections/One-Time

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of State's Division of Elections (Division), a field indicating a voter's declared party affiliation will be added to the statewide voter registration database and require the updating of eight computer programs/interfaces.
- This work will be performed by the Department of Finance and Administration's Strategic Technology Solutions (STS), at a rate of \$82 per hour and will require 25 hours of labor per program/interface.
- There will be a one-time increase in state expenditures to the Division of \$16,400 (\$82 per hour x 25 hours x 8 programs) for updating the computer programs/interfaces as well as a corresponding one-time increase in state revenue to STS of \$16,400.
- The online voter registration application would also require updating at a rate of \$115 per hour and require approximately 10 hours of labor.
- The updating of online voter registration applications will not be performed by STS.
- Updating online voter registration forms will result in a one-time increase in state expenditures to the Division of \$1,150 (\$115 per hour x 10 hours).
- The state will also be required to reprint voter registration applications for a one-time increase in state expenditures of \$49,270.
- The proposed language will result in a total one-time increase in state expenditures to the Division of \$66,820 (\$16,400 computer program updates + \$1,150 online voter registration updates + \$49,270 updated printed voter registration applications).

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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